

THE EFFECTS
OF THE
NEW TARIFF
ON
THE UPPER CANADA TRADE.

That the new Tariff, now under the consideration of Parliament, is sectional in its tendency and inimical to the interests of Upper Canada, must be obvious to every one possessing the smallest acquaintance with the trade of the country. The determined advocacy with which it meets from the lower section, and the counter anxiety and alarm with which it is viewed by the whole commercial community of the Upper Province, affords, perhaps, the best index to the extent of the injustice that will be inflicted upon Upper Canadians should the proposed Tariff become law. The attempt to force, by legislation, the trade of any locality out of its legitimate channel, or the purpose of furthering the interests of some other less favored locality, would at any time be regarded as impolitic and unjust; but the attempt to force the whole trade of Upper Canada into Montreal, for the exclusive benefit of a few importing merchants of that city, by a manifestly unfair imposition of customs duties, as now proposed, is an act of injustice that must meet with the censure and condemnation of every intelligent man.

That this will be the effect, if it be not the avowed object of Mr. Galt's Tariff, no one, who is uninfluenced by Montreal interests, will be disposed to deny. And that such a result would prove in the last degree disastrous to Upper Canada is equally indisputable. Let us look at the facts of the case.